

## In the Claims

Please cancel claim 7 and amend claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 as follows:

1. (currently amended)

A leash handle assembly ~~comprising~~ for use with a ~~looped~~ dog leash comprising:

a hollow housing having an opening and forming a grip;  
a leash retainer mechanism located within the hollow housing;  
at least one container releasably connected to the outside of said housing  
whereby said ~~looped~~ dog leash is attached to said leash retainer mechanism  
thereby providing portable storage within the dog leash[;] .

2. (currently amended) A leash handle assembly comprising:

a housing forming a hollow grip;  
a leash retainer mechanism within said housing;  
a first compartment receiving said leash retainer mechanism, said first  
compartment having a forward-facing end and a backward facing end;  
a storage compartment having a top end and a forward facing end, said storage  
compartment formed within the hollow grip [;] said backward facing end of said  
first compartment being joined to said forward facing end of said storage  
compartment, said leash attachment mechanism being partitioned from said  
storage compartment, said first compartment joined and said storage compartment  
having an outer surface, the joined said first compartment and said storage  
compartment having a first side and a second side;  
first opening in said forward facing end of said first compartment;

a second opening into said storage compartment through said top end;  
a first container and a first container retaining mechanism, said retaining mechanism mounted onto said outer surface of said first side of said compartment; and  
a second container and a second container retaining mechanism, ~~said retaining outer surface of said second side~~ whereby said first and second containers are removably connected to said leash handle assembly.

- 3 (previously presented) A leash handle assembly according to claim 1 further including storage compartment formed within the hollow housing.
4. (currently amended) A leash handle assembly according to claim 3 further including cover removably attached ~~by hinge~~ to said storage compartment.
5. (previously presented) The leash handle assembly of claim 1 wherein said leash retainer mechanism includes a spring-load pin which has an engaged and a disengaged position.
6. (currently amended ) A leash handle according to claim 2 wherein said first container and said second container each have ~~a dish and~~ a removable lid.
7. (cancelled) A leash handle assembly according to claim 2 wherein first container retaining mechanism includes flange to engage said perimeter lip of either said dish, a rotating latch being mounted on said outer surface of said first side and said second side opposite from said flange a distance equal to the outer diameter of said lip.
- 8-12 (withdrawn due to restriction requirement)
13. (new) A leash handle assembly comprising:
  - a housing forming a hollow grip;
  - a leash retainer mechanism within said housing;
  - a first compartment receiving said leash retainer mechanism, said first compartment having a

forward-facing end and a backward facing end;

a storage compartment having at top end and a forward facing end, said storage compartment formed within said hollow grip, said backward facing end of said first compartment being joined to said forward facing end of said storage compartment, said leash attachment mechanism being partitioned from said storage compartment, and said storage compartment having an outer surface, the joined said first compartment and said storage compartment having a first side and a second side;

a first opening in said forward facing end of said first compartment;

a second opening into said storage compartment through said top end;

a second opening into said storage compartment through said top end;

a first container and first container retaining mechanism, said retaining mechanism mounted onto said outer surface of said first side of said compartment; and

a second container and a second container retaining mechanism, wherein first container retaining mechanism includes flange to engage said perimeter lip of either said dish, a rotating latch being mounted on said outer surface of said first side and said second side opposite from said flange a distance equal to the outer diameter of said lip.